

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-12, 21-26.

**REMARKS**

The above-referenced patent application is a continuation patent application of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/262,458, filed on March 4, 1999. In the aforementioned parent application, claims 13-20 had been restricted by the Examiner. Therefore, these claims shall be prosecuted in this continuation. No prosecution history estoppel results from any of these actions because it merely permits these claims to be prosecuted separately. No claimed subject matter of any kind has been surrendered by these actions.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims pending in this application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-0967. Consideration of this patent application and early allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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